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Subject: Crop circles and SHC  
Date: 13 Nov 91 05:15:44 GMT

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Sheldon,

Thanks for the note and fascinating story about the poor unlucky man from Budapest. I have no real theories about SHC but feel that is in itself a phenomenon as I can remember reading a while back about the Mary Reeser case that Clark wrote about. I saw a photo in a book of the room after this woman had 'burst into flames' and apart from ash of the woman remaining the room was untouched. I feel the Budapest incident could well be a form of ball lightning as it is well accepted that hundreds of people are hit, and some killed, by ordinary fork lightning. I seems quite credible for other forms of lightning to exist. Are you aware of any overhead electrical power lines in the area that this chap from Budapest was killed as this may also be a possibility.

I have absolutely no idea how SHC fits into the crop circle phenomenon and as it is so rare I can't imagine Jenny Randles will have too many people come forward, especially as most of the first hand witnesses are probably dead.

Thanks again.

Regards, Robert

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On the 26th of October I went to a crop circle conference hosted by a local Wiltshire radio station called GWR. This was hosted by a GWR presenter but the two main speakers were Pat Delgado and George Wingfield.

The first part was presented by Pat D but I felt that the events of the last few months had left their toll on him as he seemed very forgetful, vague and was having a great deal of trouble getting to grips with the microphone. He spent about 45 minutes talking about the progression of the crop circle phenomenon from plain circles to elaborate pictograms but unfortunately he got on the subject of the spiritual aspects of this strange phenomenon and never left it. He made quite many references to God and the like and in doing this only managed to show about one eighth of the slides he had brought with him before he was stopped for a break. He did talk briefly about the day he got caught up in the Today farce and said that he had been publically humiliated and the paper had not printed what he had said and had changed some of the quotes.

After the 20 minute break George Wingfield talked a bit about evolution and touched on the D+D hoax. He showed a great deal of slides of the 1991 formations including the Mandelbrot and the one at Barbury Castle. He spoke that he felt there were now people who 'knew what it was all about'. He had previously said to the radio presenter that he could take him to some people who could explain what the phenomenon was and what it meant. This I believe is the Hopi Indians and I understand that they believe the crop circle phenomenon is a warning from the earth, a living planet, affected by our spiritual awakenings that the earth is in a bad state and something must be done soon.

The last part of the evening was to open the floor up for questions and one man asked if the speakers knew what was causing the effect. The answer he got was that they believed they did know but were not

prepared to give that information at this point as they felt it would be too hard for people to understand. The man that asked this question went completely ape at this answer and challenged the 'panel' that he was the best judge whether he believed what they said or not. The panel gave the answer that anyone who wanted to find out 'what it was all about' should sit in a circle and watch all around and listen, take in everything and this would give them the answer, but the impression given was that it was a spiritual thing. The rest of the questioning turned into a complete farce although George did talk briefly about the D+D saga and mentioned the fact that there is only MBF companies registered in the UK. One is in Scotland and is called MBF Limited and the other is the Maiden Beech Farm (MBF Consultancy) in West Crewkerne. Both are known to work on government contracts.

George is a friend of mine and before the evening started I spoke to him about the D+D hoax and he played me a tape of a conversation the deputy editor of Today had with a caller. The editor actually totally admitted to MBF being a 'freelance newsagency', although this does not prove the MBF are working for the UK government it does show that he is either lying or has been given incorrect information as the company MBF Services are not listed as a newsagency at all in the latest list of press companies. Any newsagency would need a phone number, MBF does not, except the disconnected one mistakenly given out by one of Today's staff. They would need an address, the only one ever given is an accommodation address with their accountants in Shepton Mallet, not that far from West Crewkerne, etc. etc. What sort of newsagency doesn't need a phone number or an address or a contact name? A newsagency that does not generate news.

I did manage to speak to Pat D. for about ten minutes after the show and asked him the question, if someone could come up with the absolute proof that Dave and Doug did not create the 200 crop circles they have claimed to, although they have never showed any photographs, videos or anything to prove that being the case, did he think any paper would dare to print it. He was categorical that no British paper would print this even if it could be proved as it was deeper than that, whatever that means.

My opinion is that no-one will ever challenge the Today story before next 'season' and when the next year's crop arrives the majority of people will still believe crop circles to be hoaxes either by D+D or by copy cat hoaxers. I think if anyone can prove that D+D did not create the crop circle phenomenon, although many interested in crop circles know they did not create 200 elaborate formations in the dark with planks of wood, they should go to a non-British newspaper who are totally known for printing about coverups. I also believe that Pat Delgado will retire from the crop circle scene next year, I hope he does not but it's just a feeling.

Regards, Robert

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The Channel 4 program Equinox, not BBC2 as I first said, was screened on the 27th October and was dedicated to the crop circle phenomenon. This was I felt slightly tainted, there was the vortex theory put forward by Dr. Meaden and the hoax theory was attempted to be dis-proved by CCCS.(although they got caught in a hoax situation by the Wessex Skeptics) There was at no point mention of the theories of CCCS and to my surprise no interview with George Wingfield although he had told me over the last 6 months or so he had been doing interviews with Channel 4 for a docume

ntary

about circles. I felt that including

Busty Taylor, Richard Andrews, Michael Green and Ralph Noyes in the interview did not give enough proof of another possibility that crop circles could be something else. I know George would have given some very hard to explain facts about circles and possibly because of this he was left off the program. George Wingfield is the outspoken principle field researcher with CCCS and in my opinion would have challenged the hoax and vortex theory. Did anyone else see the program and if so what was your opinion of the documentary.

Regards, Robert

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In case it hasn't been mentioned already (I haven't been paying much attention lately), the Belgian UFO sightings will be covered on next week's episode of 'Unsolved Mysteries'.

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Sphinx -- exact reference

I said I would get the precise reference on the sphinx, so...

October 10, 1991, USA Today, page 6D.  
'The latest mystery of the Sphinx: His age'

Findings heard Oct. 23, 1991 at the Geological Society of America's annual meeting in San Diego.

Boston University geologist Robert Schoch (Phd -- Yale) first dismissed 'rogue Egyptologist' John Anthony West's claims. But after studying the Sphinx for a year, Schoch 'says he's convinced the Sphinx and the ditch around it were exposed to' serious rainfall for at least a thousand years. 'And that means the Sphinx could not have been built before the Sahara became a desert... it couldn't have been built by any of the pharaohs.'

I note: As the ice age ended, 15,000 to 7,000 years ago, the Sahara transformed into a desert, and Egypt became drier and drier.

'The Sphinx bears characteristic marks of water erosion, not sand and wind erosion like most of Egypt's monuments....'

'Mud brick tombs 20 miles from the Sphinx that are 5,000 years old bear no signs of exposure to water.'

'Seismological readings show that the floor toward the Sphinx's front has weathered twice as much as the floor at the rear, suggesting the main body of the sphinx is twice as old as its rear end, West says. The Pharaoh Chephren may have sculpted the rear.'

I don't know what is meant by 'weathered,' precisely.

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Date: 13 Nov 91 05:50:00 GMT

In a message to all <11-10-91 02:12> John Hicks wrote:

JH> Here's the scoop on the Hyser report (so far).  
etc...

John, a fascinating post! Thank you. It seems to me this is an ideal area where the 'UFO community' (if there is one and i hate the phrase anyway) could implement some pretty solid 'controls' on pictures like these. One of the sticky points on these 'encounters' is: How do we explain the knowledge of these techniques borne by the suspect? Frankly, I can explain it with Ed pretty easily in my own mind. I still have a hard time with Meier, the one armed expert photographer, but anyway....the major point being that anytime we get 'good' photographs, it probably isn't good enough just to say, "Well, these can be hoaxed using the following principles." Instead, why not have a SWAT team that immediately sets out to hoax the same pictures--in full view with witnesses--so that it can be shown how easily it can be accomplished. I know photography is getting less and less valid as proof now that imaging techniques are getting so good, but still, it seems to me this might be a worthwhile technique to use (plus I think it would be lots of fun :-)  
--Michael

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nc> Gee, I guess it has been over since months since I put up an article!

Good Lord! I just copied this off to a file. I can't handle all this online. It DOES remind me of a fellow I knew who talked of astrology as being a red herring, in that grease rivulets in frying pans could denote just as many correlations, if only someone would study the issue. I may be jumping ahead

of myself here, but as I understand it, the 'other' explanation for the 'validity' of astrology is via synchronicity, in that everything is related by its similarity in time as much as traditional cause and effect. Thus the planets and/or stars don't affect behavior anyway--they're just convenient to use as a marker since they change all the time, we know where they were, etc. However, I'm not sure I follow your connection of all this into ufology. Perhaps you could elucidate--briefly :-)

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Date: 13 Nov 91 04:56:00 GMT

> Thanks for your work and presentation of this to ParaNet.

Sure, no problem. Didn't you or Don get a scanner and OCR software a while back? I'm in the market and looking for advice. Could come in handy.

jbh

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Date: 15 Nov 91 20:52:51 GMT

Here is a story I ran across...Perhap it will help.

Sphinx May be 4000 Years Older Than Believed

SAN DIEGO (UPI) -- Signs of ancient rainstorms indicate Egypt's Great

Sphinx may be as much as 4,000 years older than currently believed -- a discovery that could rewrite the history of civilization, a group of scientists said Tuesday.

The giant stone figure with the body of a lion and the head of a man was believed to have been built around 2500 B.C., but an examination of the rock showed signs of weathering that led researchers to believe the Sphinx was built by a long-vanished civilization at least 2,500 to 4,000 years earlier.

``We don't know who might have made it,'' said John A. West, an independent Egyptologist who was part of the study team. ``But proof that a civilization capable of creating such a sculpture existed, even as little as 2,500 years earlier than commonly believed, is to history what the relativity theory was to Victorian physics.''

The research group's report was presented this week at the Geological Society of America at the group's annual meeting in San Diego.

The team visited the Sphinx outside of Cairo in April and examined the sandstone believed to have been carved during the reign of Pharaoh Chephren, also known as Pharaoh Khafre, who died in 2494 B.C.

The examination revealed cracks and weathering in the rock of the type usually caused by long periods of rainfall.

The same weathering was not found on other stone structures from the age in the area, including the nearby Great Pyramids.

Scientists believe such rains fell after the Ice Age ended, long before Chephren's reign.

``Since 10,000 B.C., the general trend has been toward ever-increasing aridity, culminating in the present-day Sahara,'' said Robert M. Schoch, a Boston University geology professor and a member of the



expedition.

``Pharaoh Chephren evidently repaired and refurbished the weathered Sphinx around 2500 B.C., but he did not build it,'' Schoch said.

If a civilization older than the ancient Egyptians built the Sphinx, there could be other relics still to be discovered beneath the desert sand, Schoch said.

Seismograph studies of the ground around the statue indicated channels cut into the sandstone bedrock. The findings might mean the Sphinx was built on top of an ancient cliff that has since filled in with sand.

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Rather interesting....but I want to wait this one out.

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Date: 16 Nov 91 05:00:01 GMT

I happened to catch Bud Hopkins on the Jennie Long show (NBC) today at about 2:30 P.M. CST. Unfortunately, I only saw the first few minutes, but found the results of a studio survey quite interesting.

The audience was asked:

Do you believe in UFO's?

The response was:

Believers: 53%  
Non-believers: 47%

This ratio is down dramatically from 10 years ago, and does basically agree with other recent polls.

Is our credibility waning?

-- Sheldon --

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For all of those wondering about the status of Dr. David M. Jacobs as ParaNet (sm) abduction moderator, I post the following extracted from a letter I just received:

"...As of now, I am not the ParaNet abduction moderator. The main problem, as far as I can tell, is that getting a node for me in Philadelphia has proved to be more difficult than had been thought. The first one lasted for quite a while, but then something happened to the fellow's hard disk who was running the node, and that was that. Another node lasted a very short time, and I am not sure what happened then, but I noticed that virtually nobody was using the abduction bulletin board to talk with me. So, my guess is that it died for lack of interest. Actually, I hope Michael Corbin can re-establish a node because I thought it was fun while it lasted...

...Budd (Hopkins) and I would very much like to have a series of training conferences around the country, but the pressure of work (abduction and otherwise) have made that desire seem more and more like only a dream. Perhaps after my book comes out in March we will have some more time to put something like that into effect....."

(signed) David M. Jacobs

Come on people, let's get Dave back on line. It shouldn't be THAT difficult. Perhaps he can be setup as a point?

Regards to all,

Sheldon

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Date: 28 Sep 91 17:07:07 GMT

Jim Speiser and Deane Ward were talking about  
George Green and earthquake predictions.

? The second prediction by Green, that the Mideast controversy  
? would erupt again began Thursday the day after he did hit  
? exactly the earthquake on the 17th. He did err in the  
? intensis of the quake. He thought it would be between 8 and 10  
? on the SCALE. It was only 5.1.

If what Mr. Green said was in the same context of what I am  
used to reading, it wasn't a prediction about the earthquake,  
but a description of a plan by Elite to set off a quake  
in California. The goal is to cause general distraction and  
confusion, but more specifically to force/allow takeover of the  
banking system because the two central banking computers are  
located in San Francisco and in Los Angeles, respectively.  
The juxtaposition of Middle East eruptions with earthquakes is  
that both offer distractions from 'goings-on' for Americans.

Anyway, the point I was trying to make was that I don't think  
he meant it as a prediction.

This relates to a woman named Jeane Dixon who is a 'psychic/seer'  
whom you may know from January tabloid articles with predictions  
for the new year. Mrs. Dixon describes what she does as  
channelling the frequencies that carry an individual's thoughts.  
Some of her 'predictions' then were "observations" of plans  
that she 'saw.' If the plans of the individual(s) changed,  
her 'prediction' would be wrong. Reading her books, written in  
the 60's-70's, is fascinating in light of what I read from

George Green's books because they support each other, though not explicitly. (She talks about the Russians using military blackmail against us--don't remember if she explicitly said it would be nuclear. She also said we would be allies with Russia.)

This is what makes any 'prediction' possibly faulty, and it is a bad choice of word for what some of these people do. The accuracy of her prediction is dependent on a human with free will acting out the plan she 'saw.' The plans might change significantly, especially after she makes her 'observation' public.

It sounds like I am giving psychics an 'out,' and may be I am. I just want people to consider this aspect when they discuss 'testing' psychics to try to (dis)prove their abilities.

Also, regarding earthquake predictions, there is a fellow in the San Francisco Bay Area who is predicting earthquakes based on monitoring extremely low frequency (ELF) waves in the area. He was on the local news a couple times, which I heard over the phone when I was talking to a friend in the area. They lined up the usual geologists who say there is no scientific base for his...and on and on. Then they mentioned that he has been correct 23 of 25 times.

ELF is one of the ways that the Phoenix Journals say earthquakes can be triggered. This fellow \*ALSO\* nailed the Sept. 17 (mentioned above) earthquake and he even got the magnitude correct! (He said 4-6, I believe.)

Finally, Iben Browning, who was made (in)famous last year with his 50/50 'prediction' of a New Madrid earthquake, isn't done. First, last year he did not predict an earthquake, he only said that by his calculations of tidal forces, December 1-5 was a time when earthquakes are more likely to occur because of gravitational forces pulling on the earth. (If one looked into the sky during that time, for instance, you would have seen a full moon with Mars right next to it--the two therefore pulling in the same direction opposite to the gravitational pull of the sun.) There were several small earthquakes (Richter=3 to 5) in the world that week, but there always are. However, we did have some record high tides in the Pacific, so his calculations are correct. The only issue is whether it relates to earthquakes. (Incidentally, Iben Browning recently died of a heart attack.)

Browning added that if nothing happens around December 3, 1990, watch out for Jan 18, 1992. The tidal forces will be stronger then than they have been in thousands of years. Just thought I'd share that, something more to watch out for.

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Hi jim,

The other night Wednesday or Thursday, at 1 A.M. on KTAR, I heard an Interview with your friend Mr? Stackpole. To say the least he changes his personality to whatever he feels he can get away with and I was offended by his attitude problem. He had a good time laughing and debunking in a formidable manner anyone who chose to think that there was one shred of evidence that there could be a UFO anyplace, anywhere, and anytime. I guess when you were there to temper his remarks he was not as secure as he gave the impression of what can or does happen in ALL circumstances. He is no Skeptic but a clear unadulterated DEBUNKER. I felt sorry for the few people who attempted to call in and engage him in conversation. No wonder people don't report sightings.

It was like listening to two different people and this one was not pleasant. When you were there to temper his disertation, he gave the impression of a serious person who would be at least courteous. I considered him a joke and although there are many stories to doubt, not all people who have seen things can be placed in the position of being congenital idiots.

If I had the oportunity to speak with the man I certainly would like to ask him about his admiration of Klass which he expressed quite forcefully in the interview. I tried to get through but was unable to as I waited to long to control my anger. Now I am almost bitter toward him. He certainly was nobody I would confide in and in fact the time I would give him would be slightly off.

Sorry to unload like this and I too can be skeptical but crudely and rudely as he was is beneath me. I need some calming potient as you can see.

Tell Mary HELLO and hope to see you soon

All the best,  
Deane Ward

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